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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF 381ST MAC MEETING.

1. THE MEETING CONVENED PROMPTLY AT 1700I, 28 AUG.

ADMIRAL FRUDDEN MADE THE AUTHORIZED OPENING STATEMENT.

2. IN HIS OPENING STATEMENT, GEN HAN STATED, IN ESSENCE;

YOU HAVE AGAIN BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE WHICH WAS AL-
READY MADE CLEAR. OUR SIDE'S POSITION ON THE INCIDENT
WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JSA RECENTLY WAS EXPOUNDED IN THE
MESSAGE SENT TO YOUR SIDE'S COMMANDER IN CHIEF UNDER THE
INSTRUCTION OF THE COMRADE SUPREME COMMANDER OF THE
KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY ON THE 21ST LAST AND WAS FULLY
EXPLAINED BY OUR SIDE AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING. WE

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EXPRESSED REGRETS AT THE RECENT INCIDENT, IRRESPECTIVE
OF HOW THE INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED, AND STATED EFFORTS
SHOULD BE MADE SO THAT SUCH A CLASH MAY NOT OCCUR.
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YOU HAVE REFERRED TO PUNISHMENT. HOWEVER, OUR
MESSAGE COVERED THAT ALSO TOGETHER WITH YOUR OTHER
CLAIMS. AND WE MADE A SUBSTANTIAL PROPOSAL FOR PREVENT-
ING CONFLICTS AND INSURING SECURITY IN THE JSA. WHAT
ELSE DO YOU NEED? WE BELIEVE THAT WE GAVE ANSWERS TO
ALL THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE RAISED. YOUR INSISTENCE ON

ISSUES WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE CLEAR WILL NOT BE CONDUCIVE TO THE CONCLUSION OF THE RECENT INCIDENT. IF YOU CAREFULLY STUDY OUR PROPOSAL AND STATEMENT, EVERYTHING WILL BECOME CLEAR TO YOU. WHY DO YOU KEEP MAKING THE ISSUE COMPLICATED? BOTH SIDES SHOULD MAKE JOINT EFFORTS TO PREVENT A RECURRENCE OF CONFLICTS IN THE JSA. WE WANT NO CLASH TO OCCUR IN THE JSA, PANMUNJOM AND SO FAR HAVE MADE ALL POSSIBLE EFFORTS. AS WE SAID AT THE PREVIOUS MEETING, INSURING SECURITY IN THE JSA HAS PROVED TO BE DIFFICULT. THEREFORE, IN ORDER TO PREVENT CONFLICTS BETWEEN SECURITY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES AND INSURE

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THE SAFETY OF THE PERSONNEL OF EACH SIDE IN THE CONFERENCE AREA OUR SIDE PUT FORWARD AT THE LAST MAC MEETING A PROPOSAL SEPARATING SECURITY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES WITH THE MDL BETWEEN THEM, SO THEY CAN PERFORM GUARD DUTY ONLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREA. WE MADE THIS PROPOSAL WITH SINCERE DESIRE FOR INSURING THE SECURITY OF THE JSA. IF THIS PROPOSAL IS CARRIED OUT, THE POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICTS WILL BE COMPLETELY REMOVED. AS FOR THE GUARANTEE OF INSURING SAFETY OF THE SECURITY GUARDS IN THE JSA, NOT ONLY THE SAFETY OF YOUR SIDE'S PERSONNEL BUT ALSO THE SAFETY OF OUR SIDE'S PERSONNEL SHOULD BE GUARANTEED. THE SAFETY OF THE SECURITY PERSONNEL SHOULD BE ASSURED NOT UNILATERALLY BUT JOINTLY BY BOTH SIDES. OUR PROPOSAL SUBSTANTIALLY ASSURES THE SAFETY OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES OF THE LINE. HOWEVER, YOU HAVE PUT IT ASIDE. WHAT IS NEEDED TO SOLVE THE INCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN THE JSA AND PREVENT A RECURRENCE IS TO TAKE PRACTICAL MEASURES, NOT TO ENGAGE IN DISCUSSION WITH EMPTY WORDS. YOUR SIDE SHOULD ACCEPT OUR SIDE'S PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY OF UNCLASSIFIED

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THE JSA. IF YOUR SIDE IS REALLY INTERESTED IN EASING TENSION IN THE JSA, IN INSURING SAFETY OF THE SECURITY PERSONNEL, AND AGREE TO OUR PROPOSAL, EVERYTHING WILL BE SOLVED. I CHANGING THE ORDER OF THE JSA PUT FORWARD BY OUR SIDE.

3. ADMIRAL FRUDDEN'S REPLY (VERBATIM):

THE 18 AUGUST MURDERS OF TWO UNC PERSONNEL AND THE RECORD OF THE PAST DEMONSTRATE THE NEED FOR THE ASSURANCES I HAVE AGAIN REQUESTED TODAY. LONG TIME OBSERVERS OF THESE PROCEEDINGS KNOW THAT IT WAS THE UNC WHICH TOOK A POSITIVE STEP TO REDUCE TENSIONS IN THE JSA FROM JANUARY TO MAY OF THIS YEAR WHEN HALF OUR AUTHORIZED GUARD FORCE CARRIED NO WEAPONS. OBSERVERS KNOW THAT IT WAS THE UNC WHICH DISPATCHED THE UNC ELEMENT OF A JOINT OBSERVER TEAM DIRECTLY FROM THE TABLE INVESTIGATE AN ALLEGATION. THESE OBSERVERS KNOW THE FACTS OF THE AUGUST 18 MURDERS.

THE RECORD DEMONSTRATES TO THESE OBSERVERS AND TO THE UNC THAT IT

IS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE ASSURANCES WE HAVE AGAIN REQUESTED TODAY AND THE VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR EARNESTNESS THAT WOULD BE PROVIDED BY THE REMOVAL OF YOUR GUARD POSTS ON THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE DEMARCATION LINE. THESE ACTIONS WOULD PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR THE SECRETAR-

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IES TO CONDUCT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF MEASURES TO RESTRICT SECURITY GUARDS TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES OF THE MDL AND TO PERMIT FREE MOVEMENT ACROSS THE MDL OF OTHER PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY IN THE JSA.

AT THE 380TH MEETING I REQUESTED CERTAIN ASSURANCES. TODAY I AM AGAIN REQUESTING ASSURANCES FOR THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL. YOU STATE THAT THE PROPOSAL YOU HAVE MADE FOR RESTRICTING SECURITY PERSONNEL TO THEIR RESPECTIVE SIDES OF THE MDL WOULD, IN EFFECT, PROVIDE THOSE ASSURANCES. I WOULD REMIND YOU THAT YOU HAVE MADE A UNILATERAL PROPOSAL AND THAT IT HAS NO VALIDITY UNTIL ACCEPTED BY THE UNC SIDE AND THEN IMPLEMENTED BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT. BETWEEN THIS VERY MOMENT AND THE TIME WHEN A MUTUALLY AGREED NEW SECURITY ORDER IN THE JSA GOES INTO EFFECT, THE UNC REQUIRES ASSURANCES FOR THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL.

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ONE MANIFESTATION OF SUCH ASSURANCE WOULD BE THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF YOUR GUARD POSTS FROM THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE MDL. CONCOMITANTLY THE REMOVAL OF THOSE GUARD POSTS WOULD PROVIDE SOME MEASURE OF THE EARNESTNESS ATTACHED TO YOUR PROPOSAL.

4. GENERAL HAN REPLIED, IN SUBSTANCE:

YOU ARE REPEATEDLY TALKING ABOUT ASSURANCE OF SAFETY OF YOUR SIDE'S PERSONNEL...CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF OUR STATEMENT? OR ARE

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YOU DELIBERATELY TURNING AWAY FROM IT? I RECOMMEND YOU TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION TO THE STATEMENTS OUR SIDE MADE AT THE 380TH MAC MEETING AS WELL AS AT THIS MEETING. AS FOR THE ISSUE OF INSURING THE SECURITY OF THE JSA, BOTH SIDES SHOULD JOINTLY ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AND MUTUALLY GUARANTEE IT IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.

IF WE HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO ASSURE YOUR SAFETY, YOU SHOULD ALSO HAVE THE OBLIGATION TO ASSURE OUR SAFETY. AND WHEN YOU REQUEST US TO ASSURE YOUR SAFETY, WE ALSO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST YOU TO ASSURE OUR SAFETY. WHY HAVE YOU FAILED TO SAY A SINGLE WORD ABOUT THE INSURING THE SAFETY OF OUR PERSONNEL, WHILE DEMANDING WE ASSURE THE SAFETY OF YOUR SIDE'S PERSONNEL? UNLESS BOTH SIDES ASSURE SAFETY IN JSA, INCIDENTS AS IN THE RECENT CANNOT BE ELIMINATED. OUR PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY ORDER OF THE JSA IS NOT A UNILATERAL ONE, BUT IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF RECIPROCITY. WHEN OUR SIDE'S PROPOSAL FOR CHANGING THE SECURITY ORDER IS CARRIED OUT, CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE SECURITY PERSONNEL OF THE TWO SIDES WILL BE PREVENTED AND THE ISSUE OF INSURING SAFETY WILL BE SETTLED. THERE IS NO BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOUR PROPOSITION AND OURS. LET SECRETARIES DISCUSS THE DETAILS. DO YOU AGREE?

5. AFTER A 25 MINUTE RECESS (CALLED BY THE UNC SIDE), ADMIRAL FRUDDEN MADE THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT:

"AS I UNDERSTAND YOUR PROPOSAL, IT WOULD INCLUDE

THE REMOVAL OF KPA GUARD POSTS-4 IN NUMBER-FROM
THE UNC SIDE OF THE MDL. AT THE 380TH MAC MEETING YOU
STATED, IN DESCRIBING YOUR PROPOSALS, THAT-AND I QUOTE;
"THIS WILL MAKE BOTH SIDES HAVE THEIR GUARD POSTS
ONLY IN THEIR RESPECTIVE PART OF THE CONFERENCE AREA,
AND THIS WILL PREVENT MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES
FROM ENCOUNTERING EACH OTHER AND PASSING BY THE POSTS
OF THE OTHER SIDE." I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS TO POSE.
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FIRST, DO YOU AGREE THAT INHERENT IN YOUR PROPOSAL IS

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THE REMOVAL OF THE FOUR KPA GUARD POSTS WHICH ARE NOW
LOCATED ON THE UNC SIDE OF THE MDL? SECOND, ARE YOU
PREPARED TO REMOVE IMMEDIATELY YOUR GUARD POSTS WHICH
ARE ON THE UNC SIDE OF THE MDL AS EARNEST OF YOUR
INTENTIONS?

WE HAVE MADE THE UNC POSITION CLEAR THAT WE DESIRE
SOME DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR GOOD FAITH IN THIS MATTER.
WE HAVE NO GUARD POSTS ON YOUR SIDE OF THE MDL. WE
HAVE REQUESTED THAT YOU REMOVE YOUR GUARD POSTS FROM
OUR SIDE OF THE MDL AS ONE PRECONDITION TO WORKING OUT
MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT YOUR
PROPOSAL. MY SECRETARY WILL EXPECT A PROMPT CALL FROM
YOUR SECRETARY TO RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST
FOR INTERIM ASSURANCES OF THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL
AND, IF YOUR RESPONSE IS SATISFACTORY, TO INITIATE EFFORTS
TO CONCERT NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE JSA WITHIN
THE GUIDELINES ENUNCIATED IN MY OPENING STATEMENT".

GENERAL HAN REPLIED, IN ESSENCE:

6. OUR PROPOSAL ENVISAGES NOT ONLY SEPARATION OF ARMED
PERSONNEL BUT ALSO THE WITHDRAWAL OF GUARD POSTS. THERE-

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FORE, A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WHEN THE
ISSUE IS DISCUSSED BY SECRETARIES. OUR PROPOSAL
ENVISAGES RESTRICTING ARMED PERSONNEL ONLY FROM CROSS-
ING THE MDL. LET'S HAVE SECRETARIES MEETING FOR TECHNICAL
DISCUSSION ON THE CHANGING THE ORDER OF THE JSA HELD
AT THE EARLIEST DATE THE SECRETARIES CAN ARRANGE THE
DATE. OUR SIDE HAS NO OTHER SUBJECT TO RAISE.

7. ADMIRAL FRUDDEN'S NEXT STATEMENT(VERBATIM:

WE HAVE MADE THE UNC POSITION CLEAR THAT WE DESIRE
SOME DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR GOOD FAITH IN THIS MATTER.
WE HAVE NO GUARD POSTS ON THE NORTHERN SIDE OF THE MDL.
WE HAVE REQUESTED THAT YOU REMOVE YOUR GUARD POSTS
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FROM THE SOUTHERN SIDE OF THE MDL AS A PRE-CONDITION

TO WORKING OUT MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS TO IMPLEMENT YOUR PROPOSAL.

I SUGGEST THAT THERE BE MUTUAL CONSIDERATION OF TODAY'S EXCHANGE AND THEN APPROPRIATE CONTACT BETWEEN OUR SECRETARIES. MY SECRETARY WILL BE READY TO RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR INTERIM ASSURANCES OF THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL AND FOR THE REMOVAL OF

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YOUR GUARD POSTS SOUTH OF THE MDL; AND, IF YOUR RESPONSE IS SATISFACTORY, TO INITIATE EFFORTS TO CONCERT NEW SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE JSA WITH THE GUIDELINES ENUNCIATED IN MY OPENING STATEMENT.

OUR SIDE PROPOSES TO RECESS THIS MEETING.

8. GEN HAN REPLIED, IN ESSENCE:

I HAVE ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT WHEN THE SECRETARIES OF BOTH SIDES DISCUSS TECHNICAL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING THE ISSUE OF GUARD POSTS, A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED. WHY DO YOU ARGUE AND MAKE UNILATERAL CLAIMS? I STRONGLY DENOUNCE SUCH RUDE AND UNWARRANTED CONDUCT ON YOUR PART.

9. ADMIRAL FRUDDEN REPLIED (VERBATIM):

WE HAVE NOTED YOUR STATEMENTS AND WILL CONSIDER THEM. OUR SIDE HAS NOTHING FURTHER TO DISCUSS AND HAS ALREADY PROPOSED A RECESS.

10. GENERAL HAN STATED IN ESSENCE:

AS I HAVE ALREADY STATED, OUR PROPOSAL INCLUDES WITHDRAWAL OF OUR POSTS FROM YOUR SIDE'S AREA. THEREFORE, YOUR PROPOSAL IS SIMILAR TO OURS AND, ACCORDINGLY, A SATISFACTORY AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED WHEN

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SECRETARIES OF BOTH SIDES DISCUSS THE DETAILS. THIS IS BASED ON OUR SINCERITY AND INTENT TO SOLVE THE ISSUE. YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND THIS CLEARLY. NEVERTHELESS, YOU KEEP ON MAKING UNILATERAL CLAIMS. SUCH ATTITUDE ON YOUR PART CANNOT BE CONDUCTIVE TO THE SOLUTION OF THE ISSUE. THEREFORE, I PROPOSE THAT THE QUESTIONS INCLUDING THE WITHDRAWAL UNCLASSIFIED

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OF OUR SIDE'S POSTS BE DISCUSSED AT A SECRETARIES MEETING WITHOUT DE-

LAY. YOU SHOULD STUDY OUR PROPOSAL AND APPROACH IT IN A SINCERE MANNER. I AWAIT YOUR SIDE'S REPLY TO OUR PROPOSAL.

11. ADMIRAL FRUDDEN RESPONDED (VERBATIM):

LET US STUDY WHAT HAS BEEN SAID IN DETAIL. WE HAVE SAID WE HAVE NOTED YOUR STATEMENTS.

I SUGGEST APPROPRIATE CONTACT BETWEEN OUR SECRETARIES.

12. GENERAL HAN RESPONDED:

I HAVE NOTED YOUR PROPOSAL THAT THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE BE REFERRED TO THE SECRETARIES MEETING. LET'S HAVE THE SECRETARIES FIX THE DATE OF SECRETARIES MEETING LATER. I AGREE TO YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A RECESS.

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